

Listing of the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

1-79. Canceled

80. (Previously presented) A method for accessing personal information, associated with a plurality of users and stored in a computer system, in a manner that protects the privacy of users, wherein each user has a personal identifier and a plurality of anonymous identifiers, comprising the steps of:

prompting a user for the user's personal identifier;

determining a first anonymous identifier from information derived from the user's personal identifier;

accessing data associated with the user stored in a first database using the first anonymous identifier;

authenticating the user using the data associated with the user accessed in said first database using the first anonymous identifier;

determining a second anonymous identifier from information derived from the user's personal identifier if the step of authenticating is positive; and

using the second anonymous identifier to access personal information associated with the user stored in a second database.

81. (Previously presented) The method for accessing personal information recited in claim 80, further comprising the steps of:

providing the user's personal identifier to a first server computer, said first server computer performing the step of determining the first anonymous identifier;

providing the first anonymous identifier to a second server computer, said second server computer performing the steps of accessing data from said first database and authenticating the user, said second server computer further providing a positive indication to the first server computer if the user is successfully authenticated;

wherein said first server computer performs the step of determining the second anonymous identifier in response to a positive indication from the second

server computer, said first server computer further providing the second anonymous identifier to a third server computer, said third server computer performing the step of accessing personal information associated with the user from said second database.